

The American financial services system often presents a maze of decisions, and ACB has always made financial literacy a top priority to help consumers choose wisely. ACB's members are dedicated to strengthening America's communities by meeting the financial needs of consumers fairly and efficiently. As the responsibility for individuals to manage their own finances increases, so does our responsibility to provide individuals from every economic background with the tools they need to navigate their financial environment. ACB is committed to ensuring that all Americans have fair and equitable access to credit, and that consumers have the necessary skills to make wise financial decisions.

The goals expressed in H. Res. 273 recognize many of ACB's core principles, and we look forward to continuing to work with both of you, along with the House Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, to make financial literacy a priority of the 110th Congress.

Sincerely,

ROBERT R. DAVIS,
Executive Vice President and Managing
Director, Government Relations.

CONSUMER BANKERS ASSOCIATION,
Arlington, VA.

Re H. Res. 273

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JUDY BIGGERT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES HINOJOSA AND BIGGERT: The membership of the Consumer Bankers Association has taken a leadership role in providing financial education, offering instruction in every field of personal finance, including home ownership, foreclosure prevention, credit card usage, basic budgeting and a host of other topics relevant to the needs of our customers. CBA has found that such efforts have helped produce knowledgeable consumers with the financial skills needed for the responsible use of the products and services available today from our member banks.

It is because of the intensive and extensive efforts to educate their customers that our membership welcomes your efforts to recognize the importance of financial literacy by promoting Financial Literacy Month through H. Res. 273. We believe the Resolution is a welcome part of the campaign so that everyone is provided the tools to navigate the sometimes complex waters of today's economy.

We congratulate you for highlighting the commitment to financial literacy. CBA pledges our full support to promote the goals of Financial Literacy Month and offers our assistance to the Congress and our communities in creating a better-educated population of financial services consumers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel we can be of further assistance in your endeavors to promote financial education.

MARCIA Z. SULLIVAN,
Vice President and Director,
Government Relations.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4 2007.—The National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders (NAAHL) strongly supports the bipartisan congressional resolution (H. Res. 273) designating April as "Financial Literacy Month," to increase awareness about the importance of financial education in the United States and the serious consequences that can result from a lack of understanding about personal finances.

"NAAHL represents America's leaders in moving private capital to those in need,"

said NAAHL President and CEO Judy Kennedy. "Our members have helped lead efforts to increase financial education nationwide, especially for low- and moderate-income persons."

"For example, NAAHL members ShoreBank and NeighborWorks America, in partnership with the federal banking regulators, have pioneered programs and approaches which have resulted in greater financial literacy in underserved communities," Kennedy said.

"We commend Reps. Ruben Hinojosa (D-Texas) and Judy Biggert (R-Ill.) for introducing this resolution that supports the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month."

The resolution has more than 100 cosponsors in the House of Representatives. A similar resolution, S. Res. 126, has been approved by the Senate.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE HINOJOSA: The Texas Credit Union League is pleased to support House Resolution 273. As you know, the Texas Credit Union League through our Foundation supports financial literacy in a big way. Project NEFE—a statewide collaborative initiative to bring the accredited High School Financial Planning Program along with comprehensive training to schools across Texas—is one of the primary missions of our Foundation. All material and training is offered free of charge.

The NEFE curriculum meets the learning objectives and standards approved by the Texas Education Agency and State Board of Education to meet the requirement. Credit unions are all about people helping people, and there is no greater way to demonstrate that commitment than credit unions working with teachers and providing the volunteer efforts to train our children in financial matters. We have been extremely pleased and excited on how our Foundation, Texas Cooperative Extension and NEFE have worked together to deliver this free education to our younger generation.

On behalf of the seven million credit union members concerned with the issue of financial literacy, we applaud you and your many cosponsors. We look forward to joining our voice with yours in the cause of financial literacy.

Sincerely,

DICK ENSWEILER,
CEO/President, Texas Credit Union League.

HONORING AMERICAN LEGION
POST 364 AND AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 364

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the officers and members of American Legion Post 364, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364, and all national members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion is a community-service organization, made up of patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans. The American Legion Auxiliary is a women's patriotic service organization, created to assist the American Legion. Through community service programs, both of these fine institutions have made a great impact on our community and to the veterans living in our region.

This year, Mr. Jerry Howard will serve as the American Legion Department of Virginia commander. A 22 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Jerry has been a member of the American Legion for 23 years. He has previously served as Post 364 commander, 16th District commander and Department of Virginia vice commander.

Ms. Marcia Wheatley will serve as the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Virginia president. A 12 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Marcia has served as Unit 364 president and 16th District president.

Together, Jerry and Marcia will represent Virginia at state and national veteran events where they will promote programs that benefit veterans, troops, and children. Also, they will travel here, to Washington DC, to meet with members of Congress to discuss legislation needed to provide for the health and well being of troops and veterans.

Other recent officer selections include Virginia Department Historian Barbara Barnes, Auxiliary National Security Chairman Dianne Cabot, Post 364 Commander William Moriarity and Unit 364 President Raye Ferrington. These individuals bring a stellar record of accomplishment to these institutions, and the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary will benefit greatly from their experience.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Their tireless efforts on behalf of the community, state and nation deserve our highest praise. I commend and congratulate all of these officers on their selection to these positions, and wish them further success as they continue to work for our Nation's veterans.

HONORING DALE BROWN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Warren County School District Superintendent Dale Brown for winning the Kentucky School Board Association's 2007 F.L. Dupree Outstanding Superintendent Award.

Mr. Brown was named superintendent of the Warren County School System in 2000. The school district has flourished under his stewardship throughout the past 7 years. Among his many accomplishments, Brown is particularly noted for maintaining the school system's budget while overseeing an ambitious \$4 million technology overhaul that has outfitted every classroom with an ACTIV board.

Superintendent Brown has also won widespread praise for his efforts to increase energy conservation; creating an energy education program and overseeing the Commonwealth's first energy efficient school in Alvaton, KY. These initiatives have saved the school district over \$2 million in energy costs over the last three years, demonstrating a remarkable local commitment to our nation's quest to promote energy independence.

More than 23 different native languages are spoken by Warren County School District students. Mr. Brown has created a new comprehensive language program for limited